



MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

April 2019 – The 1000th regular meeting of the MNS will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7 PM at our usual location in the Mayfair Mall Community Room, lower level. Special refreshments and activities are planned. The MNS Scout Clinic, for which volunteers are needed, will be held Saturday, April 13, 7 AM, at the Airport Crowne Plaza, alongside the South Shore CC show.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road). The annual MNS coin show is held in October.

April Item of the Month: This month we offer a philatelic collectible, the set of four USA 1976 Bicentennial souvenir sheets, with first day of issue cancellations, in a beautiful plastic folder. The set is accompanied by an informative booklet describing the Declaration, the Crossing of the Delaware, Valley Forge, and the surrender at Yorktown. Originally sold at over \$30, this attractive historic collectible set is yours for a starting bid of just \$12.



April 2019 MNS President's Message

By now everyone should be aware, but I will open with the fact that our April meeting is the official 1,000th meeting of the MNS. I thought the day would never come, but at long last it is nigh. In order to celebrate this milestone please bring something of interest related to the history of the club. It could be an artifact, old member photo taken at a previous show or club meeting, or merely a personal recollection. Let's take this opportunity to look back at what has occurred at the last thousand meetings, and then we will be ready to move ahead through the next thousand. The April 18th meeting really will be a very special event and I personally hope that you can attend with your fellow club members.

By the time you receive this newsletter another Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic will be successfully completed. We will ensure that a full report is covered in the next newsletter, but from what was said at that last meeting it seems like we may have a record turnout of scouts since there are no conflicting Scouting events for that day.

The month of April is also notable to numismatics in that April 21-27 is National Coin Week. This is the 96th annual national coin week, and the theme the ANA has designated is "Discover the Past, Envision the Future". There are many additional details available on the ANA website, so I encourage you to check out the materials. The most interesting program is a contest where you design a coin to be theoretically released in 2069, and the design should celebrate an invention or discovery to be achieved in the next fifty years. There are some great prizes you can win if your design places in the top three, so I encourage members to try their hand with an entry.

On Sunday, May 5th the club will be taking an outing up to Wausau to visit a very special numismatically related exhibit at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum. The title of the overall exhibit is "Cut Up/Cut Out" and it will feature works by Mark Wagner, an expert in the practice of cutting up real American currency and forming it into beautiful collages. His craft involves the dissection of thousands of bills to create artworks that explore the concepts of wealth, power, value, and American identity. Mark was born in the Wausau area, although he now calls Pennsylvania home. Attending on Sunday will provide us a very special opportunity to meet with Mark, take a gallery walk with him, and engage in a Q&A session. The club will be renting a 15-passenger van to leave the usual park and ride location on College Ave. at 8:30 AM that morning. There will be no cost for members, and admission to the museum is free. We already have four people signed up, so there is only room on the van for the next eleven members that respond. Please send me an e-mail, call, or talk to me at the next meeting if interested. I will bring some photos of his work to the next meeting so you can see what I am talking about and how amazing his artwork truly is.

At the April meeting we will be voting on a new membership application that we received in February from Kevin Hart. He collects cents and was recommended to MNS by member Don K.

Looking forward to celebrating with everyone at the 1,000th meeting on April 18th!

Happy Collecting,
Justin J. Perrault
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Life member #69, Charles (Chuck) Dora passed away in Alpha, Michigan, on March 13th. Chuck was not an avid coin collector, however he enjoyed the meetings and learning from show and tell. Back in the 80s, he, along with Bill Fuchs and Dave Hunsicker, met every month at the Ponderosa on Mayfair Road and Burleigh for dinner before MNS meetings. Chuck leaves behind two sisters and two nephews. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

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Schedule

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 17:	Officer Inductions
Feb 21:	Numismatic Trivia Hosted by Neil Shafer
March 21:	T. Casper: "A Legendary Numismatist"
April 18:	1,000 th Club Meeting Events
May 16:	Spring Auction
June 20:	Treasures from the Vault
July 18:	Expanded Show and Tell
Aug 14:	No Meeting: Bus Trip to ANA
Sept 19:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 17:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Nov 21:	Autumn Auction: Election Slate
Dec 19:	Holiday Party: Officer Elections

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

Annual Dues

Dues for 2019 are \$10. Please pay Leon A. at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to MNS.

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Thanks to those who have paid.

2019 Numismatic Events

April 12-13:	SSCC Show, Crown Plaza 6401 S. 13 th St.
April 13:	MNS Scout Clinic at SSCC Show
April 14:	Wausau Coin Show Plaza Hotel & Suites 201 N. 17 th Ave. (9 AM-4 PM)
April 24-27:	CSNS Coin Show Renaissance Convention Center Schauinburg, IL
April 28:	NOW Nicolet Coin Club Show 1603 Holmgren Way, GB 9 AM-3 PM, free admission
May 5:	MNS Van Trip to Wausau Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum: Mark Wagner Exhibit
Aug 13-17	ANA Annual Show, Rosemont, IL.
October 6:	MNS Coin Show: Serb Hall 9 AM-4 PM

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Jim H.
Feb:	Jim H.
Mar:	Dave Hunsicker
Apr:	Don K.
May:	Gary B.
Jun:	OPEN
Jul:	OPEN
Aug:	NO MEETING=ANA Show Bus Trip
Sep:	Justin P.
Oct:	OPEN
Nov:	OPEN
Dec:	Holiday Party

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

March 21, 2019

President Justin Perrault called the 999th meeting of the MNS to order at 7:00pm. There were 29 members & 1 guest in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Howard T. Tom P. Roger L. Tom C, John G, Bob G, Robin R, Kirk S, Adele V, Lee H, Neil S, Leon S, Nathan S, Tom R.

Coin of the Month: Steve J won the coin of the month, 1964 Roosevelt Dime MS64, with a winning bid of \$15.00

Treasurer's Report: John B. reported that January showed net receipts of \$281.00 and \$515.41 in net disbursements for a negative net cash flow of -\$234.41. He also reported that February showed net receipts of \$13,603.66 and \$15,000.00 in net disbursements for a negative net cash flow of -\$1,396.34.

Correspondence: Numismatist, World Coin News, Correspondence – Letter, and Coins

Trustee 18-20: Tom D is stepping down from his role as Trustee. Gary B will be his replacement.

Field Trip: An exhibition highlighting cut paper and other surprising materials is on display at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausa, Wisconsin. The club will be renting a van to visit the exhibit on a Saturday in May. If you are interested in seeing the exhibit then please let Justin P know.

Buttons: In the past members received a button with the MNS logo and member's name on it. Adele V. is exploring having buttons made again.

Boy Scouts Clinic: The clinic is April 13, Saturday, at the Crown Plaza Hotel by the airport. We need volunteers to help run the clinic. Volunteers need to arrive at 7:00am and Scouts arrive at 8:00am.

Vice President Report: There are openings for several months this year for members to bring refreshments.

1000th MNS Meeting: The club's 1000th meeting will be taking place this April. A special commemorative coin will be minted for the meeting and passed out to members at the meeting. If any members have any items related to MNS from the past then please bring and share them at this meeting. A Redbook with the MNS logo will be available. If you are interested then please bring \$15.00

ANA Coin Show: The 2019 World's Fair of Money is in Rosemont, Illinois at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center from August 13-17. The club will be renting a nice bus to drive members down to the coin show. If you are interested in taking the bus down then please let Justin know.

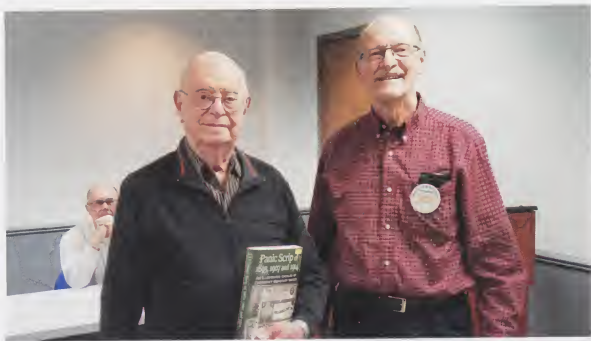
Show & Tell: Leon S – Armenian 1901 Medal / Paul K – 2019 West Point Cent: West Point Mint / Neil S. - Edward VIII medalets and Redbook Medal / Tom S – First Man Dollar / Tom R – Statue / James K – Dollar Gold

Program: Tom Casper - "A Legendary Numismatist: Neil Shafer

New Member Application: Kevin Hart completed an application for membership. He is fairly new to the hobby and collects cents. Don K. is his sponsor.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 8:45pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley



Numismatist Neil Shafer, Presented by Tom Casper

At our March MNS meeting Tom Casper gave a surprise presentation about fellow life-member Neil Shafer. Neil has taught at the ANA Summer Seminar, has exhibited, been a dealer, written or edited almost 30 books and regularly writes a column for the *Banknote Reporter*.

Neil was profiled in the August, 2014, *Numismatist*, which covered five pages. He has been collecting coins since 1943. In 1962 he joined Whitman Publishing in Racine where he worked with Ken Bressett and Dick Yeoman, the creator of the Red Book. He is a charter member of IBNS started in 1960. You can find him every year at the MPC Fest held in Port Clinton, Ohio, where he won the trivia quiz in 2008 and 2010. He has received many awards including the ANA's highest award, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service.

Seven books that Neil wrote or edited were displayed as well as examples from the books. These included: *A Guide Book of Philippine Paper Money*; *Let's Collect Paper Money*; *Standard Catalog of Depression Scrip*; *Banknotes, Scrip and Paper Ephemera of Milwaukee*; *College Currency*; *Standard Catalog of World Paper Money*; and *Panic Scrip of 1893, 1907 & 1914*.

Other items related to the articles he writes for *Banknote Reporter* were shown. Some of these are short snorters, propaganda notes and safe conduct passes, Mormon currency, food stamps, MPC's and World II AMC and Japanese invasion money.

To celebrate his 80th birthday in 2013, Neil issued a lookalike note. On the front was a picture of Neil, a Philippine coin and a note. The back showed him and him and his wife Edith driving a train. Being a punster, he included two on this note. One of these read, "If I could make everyone in the country wear size 12 shoes, that would be no small feat".

Neil is a scholar and a professional numismatist who has done much to advance the hobby of numismatics. He has shared his knowledge and opened up new avenues of collecting. We are very fortunate and proud to have Neil Shafer as an active member of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society.###

Cliff Mishler Announces Candidacy for 2019 ANA Board

Editor's Note: The message below was received from Clifford Mishler of Iola and is published here with minor editorial changes to accommodate space limitations. Speaking for myself, I wish Cliff the best of luck in his quest for re-election to the ANA board. I cannot imagine a more qualified candidate.

A lot has changed over the twelve years since 2007, when I first announced my candidacy, then was elected to serve on the governing board of the American Numismatic Association. The world has changed, this country has changed, and our hobby community has changed. While there's little that we can contribute in the first two arenas, we can focus on the needs of the hobby community.

During my two terms as an ANA governor, sandwiched around a term as president, I wrestled with some disturbing developments concerning the organization's management and stability. Thankfully, those troubling times are now over. The past three boards, under presidents Adkins, Garrett and Ostromecki, are to be commended for the positive developments that have since unfolded.

The challenges going forward, I perceive, are five-fold; maturity, integrity, stability, security, and that perpetual ingredient of change, which has and will forever accelerate.

Maturity. Our hobby community is a mature universe, as it will be going forward. Gone are the days when masses of youngsters and families can pursue collecting coins from circulation, pressing them into the holes of coin folders. Young numismatists today and in the future will be inquisitive individuals, probably well into their 40s, or older, of at least moderate means, with money to spend on their pursuits.

Integrity. The ANA must foster the ongoing growth, development and maintenance of a marketplace environment that provides all participating individuals with the confidence of trust in product. The ANA must work hand-in-hand with government agencies and private organizations to root out sources of fakes, counterfeits and misrepresentations. Admirable progress in these areas has developed of late.

Stability. As presently constituted and pursued, the ANA is dramatically underfunded for the effective outreach and service required to build a stable and growing hobby community. The days of dues, advertising and convention revenues can no longer carry the load. Additional funding sources must be established, or services reviewed critically and reduced or eliminated.

Security. Thanks to the Ben E. Keith benevolence from 1977 that constitutes the heart of the ANA's unrestricted and designated fund assets, presently standing at about \$22.8 million, the organization is well footed financially. The growth of this bequest has allowed the ANA to continue to grow in financial strength. Given the dramatic changes in communications, combined with the evolution in our hobby's demographic structure, the ANA is confronted with a compelling demand for careful appropriation of its available fiscal resources. We need to build new and refreshed platforms of outreach and services to better serve the membership and public.

Change. Look at the way our hobby community has changed in the 52 years since the ANA opened its national headquarters in 1967. Major conventions were then still being hosted in hotel ballrooms. Coin grading was still, at best, loosely defined. Slabbed coins were not yet even a dream in someone's mind. All information appeared as print on paper. Most coins for collectors were produced as offshoots of coins for commerce; today many coins for collectors are created superfluous to the needs of commerce.

And, the list could go on. The point is that change has always been, and always will be an integral ingredient where the success and welfare of our hobby community is concerned. As to how, how much and how rapid change has been over the past 52 years, it will be nothing compared to how, how much and how rapidly it will change as the years roll on.

To survive and prosper in the world that is unfolding before us, our hobby and the American Numismatic Association must craft a pathway forward that is both stable and productive. That's the sort of pathway I was intimately involved with over 40 years (1963-2003) at *Numismatic News* and Krause Publications. My sole objective and commitment in seeking to serve on the ANA board for the next two years is to help carve what will hopefully be the best pathway to the future.

It is critical that ANA's forward progress in the development of long-range strategic efforts, where both governorship management and outreach direction are concerned, be continued, consolidated and enhanced. The objective is to build the organization into a highly recognized national and global numismatic education resource promoting financial and historical education.

I began my career as a *Numismatic News* editor, advancing to publisher, president, and board chairman of Krause Publications (1963-2002), which grew to annual revenues of just shy of \$100 million and over 450 employees at the time of my retirement. Owner and board member of the First State Bank of Iola (1972-1983), with assets of \$20.5 million. Board member of the Scandinavia Telephone Company (1982-2000), an operational entity of TDS Telecom. Co-founder, executive director, and ex-officio director of the Iola Car Show (1974-2019), a civic non-profit annually hosting 110,000 old car enthusiasts to the community, generating \$300,000 in profits for benevolent purposes.

I'm a 63-year life member (since 1956) of the American Numismatic Association. I served as an elected board member (2007-09), ANA president (2009-11), and again as a board member (2011-13). ANA recognitions: Farran Zerbe Memorial Distinguished Service Award (1984); Lifetime Achievement Award (1997); Numismatist of the Year Award (2002); ANA administered Numismatic Hall of Fame honor (2004). I'm also a past president of the Token and Medal Society (1976-78) and the Numismatists of Wisconsin (1974-76), and have been serving as secretary of the William R. Higgins, Jr. Foundation since 1991, which operates the Higgins Museum of National Banking in Okoboji, Iowa.

--- Clifford Mishler / March 12, 2019

Time to Join Ranks of Loyal Readers



By David C. Harper

I have retired. After nearly 41 years working at the *Numismatic News* office, my chair is now vacant. As I head for the door, I want to say thank you to all readers. I have never forgotten who the average reader is, what his or her interests are, and what news is most likely to help them along their collecting path.

At heart, this is who I have always been. When I first read a copy of *Numismatic News* 50 years ago, it was because I had picked it up at a coin show. It was the letters to the editor in it that topped my list of favorite things about the paper. I wanted to read more. I immediately sent my money to the firm to get these weekly issues started. You might say I subscribed because of the letters. The writers seemed like my kind of people. Their questions were my questions. Their opinions were my opinions. They were the kind of people I wanted to hang around with.

I had no idea what I was getting into. Who could? When I needed a job in 1978, I applied to *Numismatic News*. Clifford Mishler interviewed me and then phoned me with a job offer. I said yes. Away I went. I want to thank Cliff for the great opportunity he gave me. *Numismatic News* founder Chet Krause is no longer alive, but I owe him a great deal as well. Chet and Cliff were the dynamic duo of the firm that was built on the foundation of this paper.

Bank Note Reporter, *Coins Magazine*, and *World Coin News* are part of this numismatic family. I had roles in all of them. My first byline appeared in the pages of the June 1971 *Coins Magazine*. The numismatic catalog division that created the *Standard Catalog of World Coins* also birthed *North American Coins and Prices* and *U.S. Coin Digest*. Always I was part of a numismatic team. It was led for many years by Chet and Cliff. Others followed. We carried on. Now it is someone else's turn to carry on. It will be up to them to hold high the lamp of numismatic knowledge. I borrow this symbol from the American Numismatic Association, of which I am a life member and enthusiastic supporter.

We collectors are all in this together. We are bonded simultaneously to the past, present, and future. What we do with the present will determine what kind of hobby we leave for the next generation of collectors. Now I will revert to the status I held 50 years ago: loyal *Numismatic News* reader. I expect my favorite part of the paper will be letters to the editor written by readers. Taken together, they are the only true guide to our future. I have faith in them. Because I do, I am optimistic about the future. They will make it bright.###